

portion, wherein the portion of the seal area that is positioned closest to said engagement portion has a convex edge, and wherein said engagement portion is positioned in the part of the package which is intended for enveloping the packaged product, and said convex edge is directed inwardly.

~~13~~ 15. The package according to claim 14, wherein said convex edge comprises two substantially straight edge portions, which include an angle with each other.

~~13~~ 16. The package according to claim 14, wherein said convex edge is substantially curved.

~~14~~ 17. The package according to claim 14, wherein said area has substantially the same width along its length.

~~15~~ 18. The package according to claim 14, wherein the width of said area near the engagement portion is smaller than near the edges of said access opening.

~~16~~ 19. The package according to claim 14, wherein said seal is substantially in the form of a stripe.

~~17~~ 20. The package according to claim 19, wherein said seal is substantially in the form of a V-stripe.

~~18~~ 21. The package according to claim 14, wherein said package substantially consists of one piece of flexible material.

~~20~~ 22. A method for producing a package of a flexible material, wherein two or more contacting layers of the material are bonded together in a particular area, in such a manner that the package can be opened by pulling apart two bonded layers of material in said area by engaging said flexible material at the location of an engagement portion, wherein the part of the area located closest to said engagement portion is provided with a convex edge, and wherein said engagement portion is positioned in the part of the package which is intended for enveloping the packaged product, and said convex edge is directed inwardly.

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a A method for packaging a product, wherein the product is enveloped with a flexible material, wherein two or more contacting layers of the material are bonded together in a particular area, in such a manner that the package can be opened by pulling apart two bonded layers of material in said area by engaging said flexible material at the location of an engagement portion, wherein the part of the area located closest to said engagement portion is provided with a convex edge, and wherein said engagement portion is positioned in the part of the package which is intended for enveloping the packaged product, and said convex edge is directed inwardly.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to place the application in conformance with standard United States patent practice.

Examination and allowance of pending claims 14-23 are respectfully requested.

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